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Dr. W. H. SPILLER Retires After 40 Years Service at the Lying-In.

Effective December 31st, at the close of the year 1940, Dr. William H. Spiller retired as Superintendent of the Lying-in-Hospital after a total of more than forty years service in that Institution. This included two years' service on the Lying-in-Hospital House Staff preceding three years in the Medical Corps of the United States Army during the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection.

Dr. Spiller was born and "raised" in the Southwestern part of old Virginia, in Wytheville, on the old "wilderness trail" that led through Cumberland Gap into Kentucky. He was educated at the University of Virginia where he obtained the degree of M.D. in 1894. At that time there was no "University" Hospital and facilities for clinical teaching at Charlottesville were very limited.

Like many other graduates of the "University" at that time, he came to New York for practical medical experience and received an appointment on the House Staff of the then "Charity" (now City) Hospital on Blackwell's Island as it was originally called. Following his full term at the Charity Hospital he served as a member of the House Staff of the newly organized Lying-in-Hospital.

It is of interest to recount here that the Society of the Lying-in-Hospital discontinued its occupancy of part of the old New York Hospital in 1827; that for nearly eighty years, the old charter of 1798 had been preserved but was again invoked when the Society of the Lying-in-Hospital absorbed the old Midwifery Dispensary established by a group of progressive Physicians in an old building on Broome Street and in 1894 acquired the old Hamilton Fish mansion at the northwest corner of 17th Street and Second Avenue for a new hospital. This was the final fulfillment of a wish long hoped for by the original Board of Governors.

Following cessation of hostilities in connection with the Spanish-American War, Dr. Spiller resigned his Commission in the United States Army and returning to New York was appointed Superintendent of the
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May We Present



MR. WILLIAM HARDING JACKSON

The new president of the hospital, Mr. William Harding Jackson, is a lawyer who brings to his task experience and judgment extending far beyond the legal field.

It is his belief that service — service by men who want nothing for themselves, but are deeply appreciative of the needs and demands of others — is the most necessary thing in our country today. He believes that this kind of service is urgently needed in government, on the boards of great corporations, and in the administration of charitable and educational organizations.

He thinks that it is only through such disinterested service that we can retain the free institutions of a true democracy.

That in brief is why Mr. Jackson works tirelessly and enthusiastically for The New York Hospital — because he sees it as a symbol of these free institutions of America.

Mr. Jackson was born on a farm in Tennessee. He attended public school in that state and then went to St. Marks School in New England, where he won virtually all the prizes in sight — the all-around athletic prize, numerous scholarship awards, the presidency of his class and the equally coveted position of head monitor.

At Princeton he was active in numerous sports, played on the varsity hockey team and was captain of the polo team that won the national collegiate championship. He was vice-president of his class and graduated magna cum laude in 1924. He entered Harvard Law School, where he received his law degree in 1928.

Mr. Jackson came to New York to a position with the law firm of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft. In 1930 he joined Carter, Ledyard & Milburn, and since 1934 he has been a partner in the firm.

One of the most interesting phases of his legal career was his work as counsel to the New York Stock Exchange. He is known "in the street" as the man who pressed for self-regulation of the Exchange several years before such regulation was imposed upon it by the government. It was during his work for the Exchange that he became keenly aware of the public responsibilities which private institutions must meet if they are to continue successfully. A sense of that responsibility is the dominating influence in his work and in the numerous articles he has written for legal journals.

Whenever possible the new president of the hospital forsakes his home on East 62nd Street for his farm at Huntington, Long Island, where he can follow the rural interests he acquired at his family home in Tennessee.

Mr. Jackson's election as president continues the "youthful tradition" for that office established by his predecessor, Mr. Barklie Henry. At 39, he is one of the youngest presidents in the hospital's 170 years.

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FREE LAND

We speak, and we are heard! Truth will win out, and no tyrant can blanket us within a wall of false hope. This great nation is ruled by the masses, who are equipped to make their own decisions because all sides are placed on display for them to observe. True facts are not hidden behind a camouflage of censorship and prejudice. This privilege, given to us by our forefathers, we hold sacred, and it has molded us into a stronghold built on truth and unabridged public opinion. We salute you, America, a nation ruled by the people, whom you protect!

P. S.

Before going to press word reached us that it has been announced that Miss Annie Goodrich has been added to the Nursing Council and succeeds Miss Mary R. Beard, who is Director of Red Cross Nursing at Washington. Mr. Paul C. Pennoyer was elected to the post of Vice Chairman while Mr. Augustine J. Smith was re-elected Chairman. Miss B. A. R. Parker has been assigned to the position of Secretary.

YOUR IDENTIFICATION PICTURE

Very shortly each and every employee of The New York Hospital will be called upon for a sitting before the camera. The resulting pictures are to be put on the new employee identification cards.

The decision to have these new identification cards is fostered by the administration to augment the use of the current one. In view of our personnel of well over two

thousand people, it has been much of a problem to our Protection Department to readily identify members of our group. Your picture should help.

The new card also covers a five year period which will do away with the necessity of issuing a new one to each person the first of every year. Most important of all, with this new set-up, the mis-use of the card in event of loss will be prevented.

MEDICINE FOR PERSONNEL

A request from the Dept. of Pharmacy asks that all personnel of the Hospital for whom medicine has been prescribed and who wish to have the prescription compounded in that department, bring their prescription to the O.P.D. dispensing window between 12 noon and 1:00 P.M. or to the general dispensing window (at rear of Department) between 5:00 and 6:00 P.M. if not possible during the earlier hour. This is requested for times when the department is not excessively busy with out-patients and will permit service to members of the personnel without undue delay.

Red Cross Committee Reports.

The Red Cross Committee has completed its work for the Annual Membership Drive for 1940.

The results exceed last year's total and show the excellent work of the Committee members. The results are as follows:

	1939	1940
Annual Memberships	\$452.00	\$530.00
Contributing Memberships	15 00	15 00
Sustaining Memberships	00.00	10.00
Contributions	76.84	89.53
	\$543.84	\$644.53

The Committee appreciates the splendid response which was given by its friends and workers in helping to raise this amount for the Roll Call.

CHRISTMAS IN A HOSPITAL

The following article was written by Kenneth Margotta, 12 years of age, who is on strict isolation for paratyphoid; and is printed exactly as received.

On December 23, 1940, the children on the fourth floor were entertained by a magician who came up and drew pictures. The children enjoyed it very much. Some of the pictures he drew were Mickey Mouse, Popeye, Dopey and others. It was very interesting. Then on Thursday, December 26, 1940, we had movies. All the children were taken out into the hall. The pictures were, "Terry Toon," "Christmas in Toyland" "The Pirate Ship," and "Ride 'Em Cowboy." All the pictures were talkies and were funny.

There was much excitement on Christmas Day, on the fourth floor, in the New York Hospital. Nurses, children were all getting ready for Santa's visit. Although Santa had visited the hospital on Christmas Eve, he still had to come on Christmas day to give the Children their presents.

The time finally arrived, Santa came running down the hall yelling "Merry Christmas." The children all got excited; even the nurses and doctors, who were there, got excited too. Santa Claus dressed in his Christmas outfit with red pants and coat, red hat and black boots, had a bundle of toys on his back. He immediately started giving the toys out. Among all the toys were dolls, airplane models, sewing sets, knitting sets, doll clothes, xylophones, guns, cowboy suits, etc. After he finished giving out the toys, Santa bid everybody good-bye and went down the hall shouting "Merry Christmas, Happy New Year!" We know that Santa had a pleasant visit at the hospital.

After Santa had gone, the children went back to their rooms to play with their Christmas toys. They also had a very delicious dinner consisting of turkey, potatoes, string beans. For dessert, ice cream, peanuts, candy and cake. Yum! Yum! What a dinner! After dinner the usual rest hour took place. But I know the children were too excited to sleep. After rest hour was over, the parents came to see their children, bring in more gifts. Soon it was time for supper. After supper the children played until bed time. I know every boy and girl, even though they were not home, enjoyed a very Merry Christmas.

Hospital Flag

For the first time the Hospital has its official flag. The Hospital seal is set forth in white on a field of Greece blue, above a scroll giving the date of charter. The flag and the national colors were the gift of Mr. Augustine J. Smith, Secretary of the Society, and Mrs. Smith, and now are displayed in the main lobby.

A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

It DOESN'T cost much to say thank you,

It costs very little to smile,

It takes but a moment of effort,

And surely the effort's worth while.

It costs very little to lift up .

Someone fallen down in life's way,

It takes but a thought and an action

To make someone happy today

Resolve then to always say thank you,

Resolve to smile where'er you be,

Resolve to give aid where 'tis needed,

And your day from care will be free.

COMMON COLDS

Sometimes it is said that everybody knows how to cure a cold—except the doctor.

But even though the lay public knows plenty of "remedies" for alleviating the symptoms of colds, no treatment has yet been devised which will actually cure one. However doctors point out that steps can be taken to avoid ensuing complications, and that the real danger from colds lies in these complications and not in the cold itself.

Much of what doctors know about colds is disconcerting to the average layman. For example, if you want to avoid one, the place to go is Little America, not Palm Springs. Drafts, wet feet and sudden changes in temperature do not necessarily cause colds. Most and perhaps all of them are caught from other people. And they are most easily given to others at a time before the first sufferer even knows he has a cold "coming on."

There is no record of anyone having died of an uncomplicated common cold. Consequently until recent times medical research workers devoted their study to more dangerous diseases. But in the past few years a great deal has been added to scientific knowledge of common colds, and to this knowledge men at the New York Hospital and Cornell Medical College have made very substantial contributions.

Several years ago a medical expedition directed by a member of the staff went to an Arctic community of some 500 persons for the purpose of studying colds. They stayed through the long winter night, when temperatures ranged far below zero. Not one case developed in the entire community. The following May a supply boat arrived and colds arrived with the mail. One of the disembarking passengers had "the sniffles." Within the next five days, practically the entire community was in bed with colds.

Experiments with chimpanzees — the only animals subject to human colds — have added to the knowledge of how they are transmitted. These studies established that they are caused and spread by tiny, unseen organisms so far identified only as "filterable virus."

Still other studies, made by doctors associated with the New York Hospital-Cornell center, have shown that the cold virus disappears from the throat of the victim within three or four days. You are most likely to give your cold to others on the first day — which often is before you know you have one. Several days later, though you are still coughing and feeling badly,

you are no longer a menace to others.

Late September and early March are the "cold" periods. Most people have two colds a year, a fall cold and a spring cold. Many doctors believe that this is due to the fact that, by having a cold, a person builds up enough immunity to last for several months. Children have more colds than adults, older people have fewer than young. The reasons for this are not known.

Experiments with vaccines for preventing colds have not been uniformly successful. They do not prevent the initial "virus" infection, but in some instances they do prevent the serious consequences of secondary infection that so often follows an actual cold.

If you feel a cold coming on, doctors agree that you should take a hot bath, go to bed, eat lightly, drink plentiful amounts of water and fruit juices, keep the elimination system open, and call a physician if you feel the need of medication. And to keep other people from catching colds, they advocate solitary confinement for every case of "sniffles."

CRINOLINE DAYS

An interesting document was brought to light during the celebration of the 80th anniversary of Carson, Pirie, Scott and Company in Chicago. Someone in that organization had carefully filed away the rules for employees of its first store. The rules read:

"Store must be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. the year around.

"Store must be swept; counters, base shelves and show cases dusted; lamps trimmed, filled, and chimneys cleaned; pens made; doors and windows open; a pail of water, also a bucket of coal brought in before breakfast (if there is time to do so); and attend to customers who call.

"Store must not be opened on the Sabbath unless necessary, and then only for a few minutes.

"The employee who is in the habit of smoking Spanish cigars, being shaved at the barber's, going to dances and other places of amusement, will surely give his employer reason to be suspicious of his integrity and honesty.

"Each employee must not pay less than \$5.00 per year to the church, and must attend Sunday School regularly.

"Men employees are given one evening a week for courting, and two if they go to prayer meeting.

"After fourteen hours of work in the store, the leisure time should be spent mostly in reading."

LEO SAVALLY

F9 South just wouldn't be the same if it weren't for Leo. Not until we work with him, do we realize that because of the many little — shall we say — "gadgets," the products of his ever active mind, our work is made easier and more pleasant.

Leo Savally was born in the Province of Potenza, near Naples, Italy. He was one of a family of eleven children. One brother was a university graduate, employed by the government, another a doctor who practiced at one time in America. It was during the latter's residency in America that Leo came to this country in 1911.

In 1916 Leo went to work as an orderly at the Neurological Institute, Presbyterian Hospital. He spent five years there and then came to the New York Hospital where he has been ever since.

After 19 years of service Leo seems just as active and interested as ever. He seems to adhere to the old saying that "spare moments are the gold dust of time" for when he is not busy administering to the needs of a patient, he works on some new idea. One seldom sees him without a piece of tin, rubber tubing, wire or some such material which is to be the basis of some new piece of equipment. Several years ago he invented a subapubic suction cup, which is used especially in Urological work. This product has been patented, and is used not only by our own Urological Departments here, but in many other hospitals. Leo has the sole agency for them and only through him can an order be filled. While talking with Leo about the number of cups he has sold and the profit he makes, he said, "You know, Miss, it's not the money that I make; that's not important, but it's the personal satisfaction I gain from comparing each year's sales with the preceding one."

Well liked by all the patients as well as his co-workers, Leo is kind, helpful, courteous and seems to have a deep understanding and faith in human nature. Each patient is an individual to him and not "just another patient."

He is somewhat hesitant about telling of his life, but we do know that on his days off he spends his time either working in his shop, exploring stores for various pieces of hardware, or going to see newsreels and travelogues. As long as he can keep busy, he is happy.

And there seems to be no more opportune time than this, to thank Leo for all he does on F9 South and to hope his familiar figure will remain a part of the New York Hospital for many years to come.

Dr. W. H. SPILLER

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Lying-in-Hospital in March, 1902. At this time the old Hamilton Fish home had been torn down. Through the generosity and active interest of the elder Pierrepont Morgan who had lived in the neighborhood, on Stuyvesant Square, in the shadow of St. George's Church, a modern fireproof hospital building was being constructed and completed the same year. This continued to be the home of the Lying-in-Hospital and the scene of Dr. Spiller's capable administrative activity, until the present buildings of the New York Hospital on the East River were opened in September 1932. He then joined the general migration of the different merging institutions to the present site and faithfully contributed his share in helping to coordinate the various elements which entered into the huge scheme of organization.

After having served for thirty years as the administrative officer of the old Lying-in-Hospital, he was well fitted to help in the task of preserving much of the former equipment, the valuable records and precious archives and transferring patients who had already been registered in the ante-natal clinic of the old hospital. With the new combined medical institution finally launched, the former merging institutions lost some of their former independence and Dr. Spiller like some others accepted with quiet resignation the new order which involved giving up former personal prerogatives. With patience and forbearance he adjusted his ways to the demands of a new Lying-in-Hospital.

He will be missed particularly from the staff dining room on the *eighteenth floor*. Here, in direct view of the "Island Hospital" he was wont to reminisce about the days when he was on the house staff there; when there was no Queensboro Bridge; when the only means of getting to and from the "Island" was a wheezy steam launch (during working hours) and after that by means of a "Whitehall" rowboat, incidentally named the "George Washington." This rowboat was moored at the bottom of a steep flight of stairs at the foot of East 53rd Street, now superseded by the exclusive "River House."

Among other things, Dr. Spiller would recount how he had swum across the East River and back on several occasions with some of his hardy fellow internes, as a matter of sportive recreation, and not as a routine means of transportation after visiting the mainland.

Aside from his broad hospital service, Dr. Spiller could draw on a wide fund of experiences not only related to New York

City in the past, but to a wide range of people and places in this country and abroad, many arising out of Military service in the United States Army, and covering a period of time when not only America, but the whole world, has undergone many changes.

Our best wishes go out to Dr. Spiller that he may enjoy a well-earned rest after his enviable record and loyal services to the Institutions with which he has been associated. We hope that he and Mrs. Spiller may live to enjoy new travels and add to the riches of their former experience.

FINE DINNER STILL REMEMBERED

The sixth annual dinner of the Engineering Dept. employees was held last November 6, in Sokol Hall, with fun, frolic, and fine foods for some 175 men. The dinner was excellent as was evidenced by the contented sighs (as belts were readjusted a notch or two). About the entertainment we may wax even more enthusiastic; Bob Jones as Master of Ceremonies, introduced Harry Tanner a sports announcer, with marked ability in that almost forgotten art of pantomime. Howard Snyder of the elevators, gave a "Krupa" at the drums of Dick Lawrence's orchestra, beating it out for several medleys. J. Donovan came through unscathed — this time, with his own brand of entertainment.

Our sincere thanks to the committee for sponsoring this evening of fun; F. Koster, J. J. Kelly, F. Winkler, J. Healy, and J. Regan. The next quarterly dinner will be held in the spring, and we understand invitations are much sought after.

BERWIND MATERNITY CLINIC

On January first, 1941, the Hospital took over the operation of the John E. Berwind Free Maternity Clinic, in a joint arrangement with the Henry Street Visiting Nurse Association.

The Berwind Clinic, located at 127 East 103rd Street, has for many years provided prenatal care in the clinic followed by medical and nursing care for births in the mothers' homes. Although hospital care is available to every prospective mother, each year in New York City hundreds of babies are delivered in their parents' homes.

In recent years the staff of the Berwind Clinic has delivered about 600 babies annually. Under the new plan it is expected that the scope of the clinic's work will be enlarged, to the benefit of both, the community and the medical students and interns who gain valuable obstetrical experience through the clinic.

"THE TRUTH SERUM"

Scopolamine, obtained from the plant *Scopolia carniolica*, is a drug of special interest to the criminologist. It has been used in the practice of medicine for the purpose of anesthesia. At one stage the patient is partially awake. The late Dr. E. House, of Ferris, Texas, noting its singular effect upon the mind, conducted a series of experiments, his purpose being to obtain during the semi-conscious stage of this drug truthful information from persons accused of crime. Because the results were given some publicity, it was dubbed by newspaper writers "the truth serum." Most narcotics and intoxicants vary in their reaction with different persons and this is likewise true of scopolamine. In those who are susceptible to its influence, it seems to destroy the power of the individual to fortify the expression of his thoughts with caution or evasion. Scopolamine, in one stage of its hypnotic action, appears to be capable of breaking down the willpower over the control of the speech center, inducing uncontrollable flow of words. Alcoholic overindulgence in some folk has a similar reaction, but not to the degree of intensity has it such a profound influence.

There are numerous derivatives of plants as well as synthetic chemical drugs used alone or in combination that induce incessant talking. During the first World War, there were rumors that the Germans attempted to obtain information from prisoners of war by administering these drugs in the form of cigars and cigarettes. From our own experience, these rumors may have foundation in fact, as they promote in some individuals an unrestrained and unguarded flow of words. Sometimes these expressions are rambling and incoherent.

Another interesting plant is the Jamestown weed, also of the belladonna group, known also as the Jimson weed, thorn apple, and devil's apple, the botanical name being *Datura stramonium*. This weed was introduced by the Indians to the early settlers of Jamestown as a remedy in bronchial ailments. The nut of this plant, resembling a chestnut, was also used in making a decoction. Overindulgence made the drinkers of it "loco" for several days and gave to this plant its evil appellation.

ICE SKATING

There is ice skating on the Tennis Courts Now!

69th Street and York Avenue

For Information and Condition of Rink . . . Call Ext. 259 (garage)

HOSPITALES

THE PULSE welcomes two new members to its staff of associate editors. Helen Chenoweth, secretary to Mr. John H. Keig, promises to record every mis-beat of the Accounting members pulse in THE PULSE. So now we hear she's ready with these sallies soon to appear under HOSPI-TALLYS. Robert C. Kniffen, esquire, is a sure bet when we need an editorial log for the fire.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Reed, class of '40 Nursing School, married Mr. Leo Lauckern on Dec. 29th at 4 P.M. at her home in Shinglehouse, Pa.

Miss Mary T. McDermott, director of the Nurses Residence spent a few days in the sunny South, taking in the Sugar Bowl game at New Orleans.

Miss Margaret Bissell, head nurse on G6 flew to Dayton, Ohio, for the holidays.

Mr. L. Stern, of the Engineering Dept., now in the U. S. Navy stationed in the Canal Zone at Balboa requests a PULSE each month so he can keep up with the doings at the Hospital. Mr. J. J. Kelly is acting as information distributor.

Miss Marcia Cronin of Woman's Clinic has just won her 200 Bowling Pin. Miss Cronin is a member of The New York Hospital Nurses Residence Bowling League.

Miss Lotta Mayberry, June 1940 graduate of The New York Hospital School of Nursing was married December 20th to Mr. A. D. Hunt, Jr.

"Ernie" Yanega has given up equipment inventorying to enter the field of public accounting.

Miss Alice Bennett, secretary to Mr. Ed-holmes, has left to join the personnel of the New York Public Library. Miss Antoinette Tojay has been appointed as her successor.

The Accounting Department has found a skilled Christmas Tree decorator in Leslie Wackwitz, newest addition to our force. "Les" also has expressed the opinion that this is a "swell" place to work.

Apparently, our only Christmas wedding was that of Miss Mikusinski, staff nurse, to Charles Trabandt of Baltimore. We extend our best wishes.

A beautiful sparkler has been noted on the third finger, left hand of Miss Haver, Supervisor, Sixth Floor Surgery. Our best wishes are extended to her.

Miss Ruth Hoskins spent the holidays with her family down in Kentucky. Latest report was that the fried chicken and ham were perfect.

A farewell party was given Dr. Edward Douglas, resident of the Sixth Floor Surgical Service, on December 22nd. Many of his co-workers and friends were on hand to wish him all luck and success in his new venture as medical advisor to a scientific expedition sailing for Galapagos on Dec. 26th.

It's good to welcome Dr. Earle Lasher back. He is now First Assistant Resident under Dr. Child.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Graubart have just celebrated their first wedding anniversary. Mrs. Graubart is better known to us as Beatrice Ferdico, Floor Clerk, Seventh Floor Surgery.

Miss Emily Rogers, Class of 1935 and formerly Head Nurse on G-5 made us a flying visit during the holidays. She is now Instructor in Nursing Arts at Highland Hospital in Rochester, N. Y.

Miss Virginia Dobyns has returned to the General Operating Rooms after spending four weeks in California.

Dr. and Mrs. John P. West are on a two weeks' trip to Florida.

Dr. Arthur I. Chenoweth, who flew to Florida over Christmas to visit with his family, will go to Bellevue Hospital from January 1 to June 30, 1941. He will be replaced by Dr. Bliss B. Clark, a Cornell graduate from the Second Division Surgery at Bellevue Hospital.

Dr. Edward Amberson Dunlap will, very shortly, join the Ophthalmology Staff of the hospital, as interne.

Miss Lois Crane's fiancée, Mr. Robert Berry of Indiana, has been spending Xmas vacation here.

Miss Allee Conway, dietitian on Semi-Private Floor, is wearing a diamond.

The first nurse to report for Army duty from the Hospital is Miss Florence Orlopp, head nurse in the Out-Patient Department. She leaves January 10, 1941, for Fort Dix for at least a year's service.

Will wedding bells be heard soon for that couple employed in the Private Patient's Kitchen? Rita Van Setter is the proud possessor of a lovely diamond ring from James Laffan, the lucky fellow. Keep us posted, won't you?

Dr. and Mrs. George Kauer visited Mrs. Kauer's parents in London, Ontario, the week-end after New Year's.

Dr. William Quinn spent several days during the Christmas holidays at his home in Maryland.

Dr. E. Cooper Person spent some time during the holidays at his home in Carolina.

Miss Edith Neilson reports a very enjoyable two weeks spent in South Dakota.

BOWLING

Chalk up another victory for the N.Y.H. team over the bowling team of Hunter College, this time with a margin of 260 pins. A high score of 211 to Faust Mormasterio, followed closely by Lee Ehrbright, Leo Verskie and Capt. Milano. On December 19th, the Main Kitchen troupe competed with the team from Hunter College, winning by 58 pins. Honors in this game went to Capt. Milano of the hospital team, who substituted for one of the M.K. team mates, and secondly to George Vichner. The hospital team seems anxious for more competitors.

NYHEAA

(New York Hospital Employees Activities Assoc.)

The excitement of the holiday season is over and we now settle down to a long dreary winter schedule of hard work. With this situation in mind there is little time to go out and enjoy ourselves or have any time for exercise. Perhaps we can help you find this exercise and enjoyment. Let us look and see what The N.Y.H. holds out for us.

Within these white walls exists an organization of employees which strives to create a means of enjoyment and relaxation for all employees; N.Y.H. Employees Activities Association. For this organization the winter season holds forth the best opportunity for its work and we now present a tentative program.

Bowling takes the spotlight with an invitation for our team to compete with many of the leading Dept. store teams in an all city league. Capt. Leo Milano who is in charge of this team promises to put our team on top. You men who can bowl and haven't tried for our team may consult Capt. Milano who may always be found in the main kitchen.

Basketball comes next in importance at this time with the possibility of a hospital team competition in a league with the dept. stores.

At this time of the year it is also a favorite pastime to review and preview the past and coming baseball season, so at this time we start the hospital "hot stove" league. In the past two years we have had two fairly good teams. The first season winning eight games and losing five. The second season winning seven and losing but one. This year's team is looking for a few replacements. Our former short stop, Joe Coyle, and third baseman, Ricky, were two of our top notch players and both were very good batters and fielders, they will be missing this season. The holdovers from last year include: Capt. Ed Stedronski, Catcher; Joe, 1st base; Frank Kral, 2nd base; Harry Wernshoffen and Gus Melish, fielders; George Vishner and Al Hernandez, Pitchers. Lee Ehrbright the Manager will also be available. We are always looking for new recruits who can play ball. A tryout date will be printed in THE PULSE, so get the ball, bat and glove out and start practising because we think the competition will be pretty stiff.

Our Christmas raffle was won by Mrs. Dougherty, Laundry, \$10 and Mr. Dahm of the Engineering Dept., \$5. We thank all those who contributed and perhaps on the next raffle we may have the pleasure of printing your name with the prize money.

CHRISTMAS AT WOMAN'S CLINIC

Santa Claus visited the pavilions and nurseries on Christmas morning, leaving bed jackets for each mother and teething rings for each baby. At 10:45 A.M. the doctors, nurses and patients joined together in singing Christmas carols on each pavilion. The Nutrition Department supplemented the patients' enjoyment of the day by serving the traditional holiday menu on trays decorated in Christmas style.

May we take this opportunity to thank all of you for making it possible to continue our annual custom of Christmas giving to our mothers and babies.

— AND DID WE HAVE FUN!

We of the Nutrition Department held our annual Christmas party, Wednesday night, December 18, 1940. Was a slight earthquake, or possibly "Yehudi," responsible for the downfall of the decorations. We feel sure however, that the applause helped considerably to "bring down the ceiling." Such versatility! Such talent! There were vocalists, acrobats, musicians, comedians, and comediennes among us. Christmas messages were delivered by Miss Gillam and Mr. Augustine J. Smith. The evening also featured an honest-to-goodness Santa Claus, delicious refreshments capably managed by Miss Hatch, and dancing in which everyone participated wholeheartedly.

We give credit to Mrs. Babers, General Chairman; Miss Byrns, Chairman of the entertainment committee; Conrad Hollings, a guiding light, and our editor, Mr. Meyer, who was Master of Ceremonies.

Residence Activities

There was a large turnout at the Employees' Christmas Party on December 20th — including children who had their own celebration with a Tree, Santa and presents. The grown-ups sang carols in the lounge after which ice cream and cake was served, followed by informal dancing in the Auditorium to the music of Thomas Keevens Orchestra. The auditorium was gaily decorated and a holiday spirit seemed to pervade the atmosphere at this very successful gathering.

Carol Singing and House Tea

A group of about 25 carollers, under the direction of Judson League, director of the Riverside Men's Chorus, serenaded throughout the hospital on Sunday, Dec. 22nd. They were greeted with Christmas cheer and great appreciation of their efforts. After the singing the group returned to the Residence for tea which was being served for residents and guests.

Dramatic Evening

Miss Maude Scheerer returned to the Residence for the fourth year at the invitation of the Dramatic Committee to discuss current Broadway productions. She was her usual charming self and inspired the small but enthusiastic audience to wish to see in particular *Johnny Belinda* and *The Corn is Green*. Refreshments were served.

Buffet Supper

A buffet supper was held in the Nurses Residence on Christmas Day with candlelight and the gayest of decorations—A certain feeling of quiet and calm refinement prevailed as about 200 people, residents and guests partook of a delightful meal in the lounge.

Christmas Teas

The annual Christmas Departmental Teas held in the Student Lounge of the Nurses Residence added greatly to the spirit of Yuletide gaiety in our midst this year. A record-breaking attendance for each affair was most gratifying. There were about 400 present at the Tea on December 27th when a gift was presented to Dr. Spiller in appreciation of his 41 years of service in the medical profession.

Student Dinner

Yuletide festivities would not be officially started without the annual student nurses' Candlelight Dinner. The candlelight procession of carolling nurses was led to the Green Dining Room by the Lords and Ladies and honored guests. After they were seated at the head of the dining room, the boar's head was brought in, and dinner began. The carollers entertained during dinner with songs and dances. Upon returning to the lounges the Yule log was brought in so that Christmas cheer would blaze ever brighter.

Santa Claus dispatched gifts to his many New York Hospital Students—The Christmas season was begun with beauty and gaiety.

We were greatly pleased to have Miss Bessie Parker, Mr. Augustine J. Smith, Miss May Kennedy, Miss Sarah Moore and many of our Faculty with us as our guests. Grateful appreciation goes to Miss Bissell who directed the pageant beautifully and to Mr. Judson League, our guest conductor of the choir.

Lillian Wald

With the death of Miss Lillian D. Wald the New York Hospital School of Nursing lost one of its most distinguished graduates. Miss Wald was the founder and first Director of the Henry Street Settlement and Visiting Nurse Service, and was nationally known for her work in the advancement of nursing care.

ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT PARTY

Surpassing in gaiety all previous parties, the Annual Christmas Party of the Accounting Department, Purchasing Department and "Alumni" was held Thursday, December 19, at the *Gloria Palast* on East 86th Street.

Cocktails at the bar started the evening's festivities. A ten course turkey dinner was served and perennial toastmaster, Ted Childs, in his inimitable style, sounded the keynote of the evening by calling on his boss, Jim Best, for a few words. His new "Pat and Mike" and "travelling salesman" stories were well received and set the standard of entertainment that Mr. Sargent, Dr. Wheeler, Dr. Pastore, Mr. Keig, and Mr. Wells carried through to the gay conclusion of an excellent dinner.

The party then adjourned to the lounge to cash in their "tickets" and the followers of Terpsichore had their inning. Music was furnished by Mitchell Schuster and his orchestra for the dancing of the conservative guests, while Clemente and his Cuban band beat the gong for the "Conga" addicts. This phase of the party was highlighted by the appearance on the dance floor of Mr. Sargent and Miss Schmidt in a lively number.

Three cheers to Chairman George McBride and his committee for their efforts, to Helen Chenoweth (she can cook too) for her cookies, and to the gal that passed the aspirin around the office at 9 A.M. the morning after.

WELCOME — NEW STUDENT DIETITIANS

The Lounge on the Eighteenth Floor of the Hospital was the scene of a colorful and cheerful luncheon on Saturday, December 28, sponsored by the Nutrition Staff to welcome the new class of student dietitians. They are the Misses Chrystene Adams of Jasper, Texas; Mildred Haas of Muskegon Heights, Michigan; Jessie Hart of El Dorado, Arkansas; Margaret Moe of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Cheryl Del Rodger of Grand Forks, North Dakota; Mina Scott of Benton Harbor, Michigan; and Margaret Sauerherg of Mason City, Iowa.

Following the luncheon, Mr. Augustine J. Smith spoke to the group on the early history of the New York Hospital — all of which was most interesting and enlightening.

By the time this issue of THE PULSE is distributed these girls will have spent two weeks in the hospital which extends to them a hearty welcome.